

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-25 and 27-29, and 53 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-22, 26, and 30-52 have been canceled without prejudice.

Application wishes to thank the Examiner for his courtesy in conducting an interview with Applicant's undersigned representative on June 27, 2003 by telephone.

As discussed during the interview, Applicant maintains that the pending claims are distinguishable over the cited prior art references in this case, in particular the Yelf reference (US 5,555,673) which was the basis of the Examiner's rejection with respect to claim 53. As pointed out, Applicant notes that the features in claim 53 are distinguishable over Yelf. In furtherance of the distinctions pointed out by Applicant in the discussion with the Examiner, Applicant has amended claim 53 to more clearly and particularly to articulate the invention. Claim 53 also recites the step of providing a regulatable valve on the reservoir, the regulatable valve having a first valve element and a second valve element rotatable relative to the first valve element, the second valve element having a brush mounted thereon. Claim 53 has also been amended to further define the regulating step in paragraph (d) by varying the position of a regulatable valve by applying a force to move the second valve element from a first position to a second position, the second position being one of a plurality the range of positions which permits flow communication from said reservoir to said brush.

It is believed that Yelf fails to teach, suggest, or disclose the Applicant's invention as currently recited and amended in claim 53. Claim 53 recites features of the Applicant's present invention which Yelf does not provide. Applicant recites moving the second valve element from the first position to the second positions where the second position is one of a plurality of range of positions which permits flow communication from the reservoir to the brush. It is believed that the prior art of

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record in this case also fails to teach, suggest or disclose the Applicant's claimed invention for the same reasons.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration and a withdrawal of the rejection as applied to claim 53. The remaining claims, 23-25 and 27-29, depend directly or ultimately from claim 53 and also should be patentable.

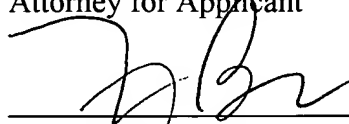
If further matters remain in connection with this application the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned representative to resolve them.

In the event that a fee is required or an additional fee or amount is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge a fee or additional fee to Deposit Account Number 05-0208.

In the event that an extension of time, or additional extension of time if one has already been requested, is required, the Commissioner is hereby respectfully requested to consider this a request for a petition for the necessary extension of time and to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 05-0208.

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